Posting of postman in Dakra, Ranchi

†3038. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that only one postman is posted for the delivery of mail to lakhs of people and Central Educational Institutions at Coal Area, Dakra (Ranchi);

(b) whether delivery of mail by one postman is impossible as a result of which mail is not delivered to the people;

(c) if not, the post-wise details of persons posted there for mail delivery;

(d) by when more postmen would be posted by Government there to deliver the mail; and

(e) if not, the justification thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR) . (a) to (c) There is one post of postman in Dakra Colliery Sub Post Office for delivery of mail to members of public and educational institutions in Dakra colliery area. There is justification for only one post of postman as per the existing work load. The delivery of mail is regular and punctual.

(d) and (e) Since there is no justification for additional post of postman on the basis of existing workload, there is no proposal for posting more postmen for Dakra Colliery Sub Post Office.

Indian Telephone Industries, Palghat

3039. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Telephone Industries, Palghat was a profit-earning unit and in the recent years it has slipped into a sick unit incurring losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ITI, Palghat Employees' Union

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has submitted a memorandum to him seeking quota reservation for the production of GSM, SIM cards for BSNL; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) ITI, Palghat is not a loss incurring unit. Rather, it has been a profit earning unit. The details of profit for the last three years are indicated below:—

Year	Profit (Rs. in crores)
2002-2003	38.21 (Provl.)
2001-2002	57.69
2000-2001	15.28

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. ITI would get the reservation quota as per the existing policy.

Dropping of global long distance plan by BSNL and MTNL

3040. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL, MTNL and two other PSUs have dropped global long distance plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are against the entry of BSNL, MTNL and two other PSUs in ILD venture; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) State-owned telecommunication services providers namely BSNL and MTNL have not dropped global long distance plans. BSNL has already been granted the licence. Indian Telephone Industry (ITI Ltd.) had planned International Long Distance operations based on